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Mr. Wade Hamm  
General Manager  
Great River Regional Waste Authority  
2092 303<sup>rd</sup> Avenue  
Fort Madison, Iowa 52627-9751

Re: CERCLA Off-Site Rule: Affirmative Determination of Acceptability for  
Great River Regional Waste Authority, Fort Madison, Iowa

Dear Mr. Hamm:

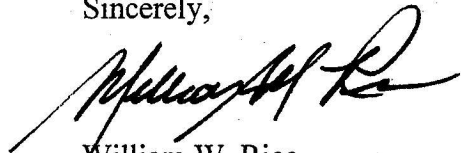
This letter serves to inform you that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has made an affirmative determination of acceptability for the receipt of off-site waste at the Great River Regional Waste Authority (Great River), Fort Madison, Iowa, Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) Permit No. 56-SDP-07-80P. Pursuant to Title 40 Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR) Section 300.440(a)(4), EPA has completed an initial assessment of Great River. Based on the information submitted, EPA finds the facility acceptable for the receipt of off-site waste. Such off-site wastes are defined as wastes generated as a result of activities authorized or funded by the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA). However, if the compliance status of Great River changes, EPA's determination could be affected.

On September 22, 1993, EPA amended the National Oil and Hazardous Substance Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, by adding Section 300.440, now known as the Off-Site Rule. The rule implements and codifies the requirements contained in CERCLA Section 121(d)(3), and incorporates many provisions of the November 13, 1987, OSWER Directive (No. 9834.11), known as the Off-Site Policy. The Off-Site Rule establishes the criteria and procedures for determining if facilities are acceptable for the off-site receipt of CERCLA waste, and outlines the actions affected by the standard. The Off-Site Rule requires that prior to a facility's initial receipt of CERCLA waste, EPA shall determine if there are relevant releases or relevant violations at the facility.

EPA corresponded with the IDNR and local authorities to determine Great River's compliance with Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) and other applicable environmental standards. The results of the correspondence indicate that Great River is currently in compliance with RCRA and other applicable environmental standards. Therefore, effective upon receipt of this letter Great River is acceptable to receive CERCLA off-site waste at the facility described above. Should any new information affecting this determination develop, EPA reserves the right to revisit this decision. By issuing this notice, EPA is in no way authorizing Great River to undertake any waste management practice at this facility for which Great River has not been previously authorized by IDNR or EPA.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Deborah Finger, Regional Off-Site Contact, Region 7, at (913) 551-7164.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'William W. Rice', is written over a horizontal line.

William W. Rice  
Acting Regional Administrator

cc: Mr. Cal Lundberg  
Iowa Department  
of Natural Resources